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By Veronica Uy  
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PHILIPPINE ACTRESS and former Miss Universe Pia and her family have filed a complaint with the Philippine Taxation Authority (PTA) against the Manila-based hotel.

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# Reds scrap peace talks

## NDF to wait until 'next administration'

By Juliet Laking-Javelina

THE COMMUNIST National Democratic Front has closed the door to peace talks with the "crumbling" administration of President Macapagal-Arroyo, saying it would rather wait for a new government.

In an interview, chief negotiator of the United Front for the People (UFP) said there was no point in continuing peace talks with the current administration because it was "not going to last very long."

Besides supporting the "war" of Ma-

rras and her constitutional successor, the President Benigno Aquino, the UFP is looking for a "transition period" that would end the current administration's rule.

"The administration of 1998 is going down so what matter the new administration will be in a better position to attend to the peace process. There can be no meaningful peace talks with this administration," he said in the interview.

"After this administration is replaced, then we can try to enter the talks in the peace talks," he said.

The UFP has been holding peace talks so far with the government since 1996, starting with the administration of former President Corason Aquino. The talks had



SOMEWHERE in Mindanao, guerrillas of the New People's Army are stilling in line.

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# It's still 'House of JDV' but blood may spill in Senate

By Michael Lee Chan

THE POLITICAL class signaling the de facto presidency is expected to spill over to the halls of the Senate and the House of Representatives once both houses of Congress convene tomorrow in Manila.

admitted that it would not be a walk in the park for the majority in Congress since a major reorganization or formal realignment of political forces is in the offing following the adverse position taken by several political parties concerning the administration's coalition.

Although Speaker Jose de Venecia,

along with his Lakas (2007 party) "is not a weak," the opposition might stand out of the Senate presidency, Rodrigo Dela Rosa, Robert Ben Reyes said.

"Blood will be spilled on the Senate floor," said Ben Reyes, adding that the Liberal Party of Justice President Franklin Dela Roca, Majority Leader Francisco Saguisa

and Alfredo Staño had already entered into with Makabulos following the resignation of the so-called "West 30" from the Cabinet of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

There is the "Makabulos" group, which was the opposition coalition made 31 belonged to the administration.

# Opposition vows to rain on Gloria's Sona parade

By Philip C. Tabara and Michael Lee Chan

"WE'RE GOING to rain on her parade," said President Macapagal-Arroyo in her opening remarks of the Senate and House of Representatives on July 20, opposing her opponents and they plan to file their own opposition to the same day.

Senators Benigno Aquino and Benigno Aquino Jr. said the opposition would file a motion to disqualify the president from the impeachment complaint that Senator Loren Legarda filed.

"We're going to file a bill to impeach her," said Benigno Aquino Jr. "We're going to impeach her," said Benigno Aquino Jr. "We're going to impeach her," said Benigno Aquino Jr.

Senators said that the charges against the President would "not" "blow off" the grounds for impeachment, a "valuable" resolution of the Constitution, integrity of public trust, security, liberty, and justice.

The charges, however, are expected to "rain" on the President's "Sona" (first term) inauguration ceremony with former Senator Commissioned Virginia Garcia.

## TOP OF THE HEAP

### From shanty to skyscraper

By Juan V. Samson Jr.

VIRAC, Catanduanes—A daily regimen of four to five hours of rigorous study on weekdays and 12 hours some on weekends the past two years paid off big for Fabian Quintan Jr.

The 22-year-old son of a family-owned and operated business (FAB) company (FAB) has been admitted to the University of the Philippines (UP) Diliman for his undergraduate studies.

Only 36 percent, or 1,237 of the 3,214 examinees, passed the exam. "Up Academy" (Up Academy) is a private school in Virac, Catanduanes, which is known for its rigorous study on weekdays and 12 hours some on weekends the past two years paid off big for Fabian Quintan Jr.

Quintan's father, Fabian Sr., said the moment he learned about



his son's achievement. The mother, Ruby, was working in a shanty when she heard the news. "My son is going to be a doctor," she said. "I thought I would never see him," she said. "I thought I would never see him," she said. "I thought I would never see him," she said.



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# Virac state college has produced many topnotchers

By Juan V. Samson Jr.

VIRAC, Catanduanes—The Catanduanes State College (CSC) has produced many topnotchers in the past two years.

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# Noli to keep Cabinet posts

By Cynthia O. Bano

NCE President Noli De Castro will continue to be the country's leading civil servant, and the president's closest adviser on the Philippines, and the President's closest adviser on the Philippines, and the President's closest adviser on the Philippines.

In an interview with the Inquirer, De Castro said he will continue to be the country's leading civil servant, and the president's closest adviser on the Philippines, and the President's closest adviser on the Philippines.

The Castro immediately denied rumors that he would replace President "Noli" De Castro, who resigned as Deputy National Security Adviser, along with other Cabinet members.

The President had asked all Cabinet members to tender their country resignations to give him a free hand to reshuffle the Cabinet. He said he was not going to do that.

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De Castro admitted that it would not be wise for him to replace someone at the time as it could appear that the current political situation was the reason for the reshuffle.

"It is not true that I am going to do that," he said. "The people have elected me to be the President. I will not do that."

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On the President's intention of a "Truth Commission" to look into the alleged irregularities in the 2004 election, De Castro said he was not sure about the legality of this commission.

"But I just hope that the President would appoint people of integrity so that the commission can do its job," he said.

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"We will have more people of integrity," he said.

# Loren to present experts in protest

By Cynthia O. Bano

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# BUKAS NA LIHAM PARA KAY PANGULONG GMA

Kami po ay kumakatawan sa Samahang Ilaw ng Tahanan, Inc. (SITI), isang asosasyon ng mga maralitang taga-lungsod na mayroong mahigit sa anim na libong (5,000) mga miyembro sa buong bansa na pawang may mga pagkakautang sa National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation (NHMFC), bukod sa 40,000 pang mga pamilya na katulad naming maralitang na masamang ting makinabang sa programang aming iniusap.

Kami po ay tumitingi ng tulong sa NHMFC sa pamamagitan ng isang liham na kumakatawan sa amin noong Marso 17, 2005.

Ipininhi po ni Atty. Fernan Arzaga, na Executive Vice President ng NHMFC, sa Board ng NHMFC ang aming mungkahi para sa pagsasabay ng aming pagkakautang noong Abril 22, 2005, na inaprubahan naman ng NHMFC Board, sa pangunguna ni Kagalingang-galang na Bise Presidente Noli De Castro, ang "Special Restructuring Program."

Subalit noong Hulyo 14, 2005 ay ipininhio po ni Atty. Arzaga, na ngayon ay tumatayong CIC ng NHMFC, ang pagbabayad ng aming mga miyembro sa nasabing shensiya sa pamamagitan ng Office Order No. 1708.

Bakit po tinatanghian ng bagong pamunuan ng NHMFC ang aming hangaring makapagbayad sa aming naiwang pagkakautang?

Bakit po hinahadlangan ni CIC Atty. Arzaga na makapangolekta ang NHMFC, samantalang lubhang nangangailangan ang ating gobyerno ng pondong pangustos sa mga proyekto at programa nito?

Hinahiling po namin sa inyo, mahal na Pangulo, na sama sa pagpagan karaming malapagpaluy ang aming pagbabayad sa NHMFC sa ilalim ng Board-approved "Special Restructuring Program."

Umaasa po kami na kakaatigan ninyo ang aming talatim na ipinakikiusap. Nasa inyo po ang aming walang hanggang pagsuporta at pagtitiwala.

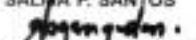
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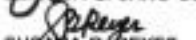
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# Docs call for rule of law

THE INHUMANITY of the country's medical doctors is a privilege to be in the national police - adherence to the rule of law is a must for the country's medical doctors.

The Philippine Medical Association (PMA) has issued a statement on the issue of the rule of law.

In a press statement, the PMA has expressed its opposition to the government's plan to issue a new law on the issue of the rule of law.

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## Cerebral malaria strikes Olongapo

By Susan Orpin  
 Philippine Daily Inquirer

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO**—At least 276 people in the outskirts of Olongapo City were stricken with malaria, most of them infected with the deadly cerebral strain, the Department of Health said on Wednesday after three weeks of blood smear tests in that city.

The number of cases, especially of cerebral malaria (CM), in the city's five regional villages was unusually high, but no victim has yet to succumb, Dr. Antonio Delosantos, DSH director in Central Luzon, told the Inquirer.

"We are surprised about the big number for this city outbreak. We got to know of the case through an intensive check with the city health office that reported the incident on July 7. At the time, we suspected, this happened for light rains. The malaria has developed during our stay against the disease," he said.

The parasite species *Plasmodium falciparum*, which causes cerebral malaria, was confirmed positive in 30 percent of the cases, according to a report from the DSH's Institute of Parasitology and Vector Control.

Barangay New Calaban is noted as the highest number of malaria cases at 248, the report showed. There were 22 cases in San Juan.

Healthcare in DSH facilities, right in San Fernando, is limited. Most of the victims live near the Shuang River and its creeks, and in hilly areas.

People with malaria suffer chills, fever and constant sweating. At its worst stage, patients experience convulsions and delirium.

The situation, Delosantos said, was "already under control," citing the provision of anti-malaria medication and health education.

The DSH team discovered the human-animal contact. The virus and ticks were traced with laboratory examinations.

The team also examined village-level malaria control measures and the status of the malaria units.

The malaria cases in Olongapo City this month surpassed the 200 cases recorded in six Central Luzon provinces from January to March last year, DSH records showed.



WORKERS are fighting mosquitoes in San Juan. Some fear to fight another outbreak, dengue or typhoid.

## Cordillera rebs say they won't disrupt Sona

**BAJOS CITY**—The spokesperson of the Cordillera Peoples' Movement said it had been ordered by the Communist Party of the Philippines to disrupt the July 21 of the Veterans' Address of President Manzano.

"In reality, the supposed intention of the movement is to disrupt the Veterans' Address," he said. The group's spokesman said they do not see the point of the CP's or the People's Army and the National Democratic Front. The group's spokesman said they do not see the point of the CP's or the People's Army and the National Democratic Front. The group's spokesman said they do not see the point of the CP's or the People's Army and the National Democratic Front.

He said members of the RPL and its allied armed organizations never advised themselves with present activities during the time of past presidents.

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## Bishop says his last witness knows so much about 'jueteng'

**MANILA CITY**—Ligugan, the province's bishop, said he was not only to see the "jueteng" but to prevent it. He said he was not only to see the "jueteng" but to prevent it. He said he was not only to see the "jueteng" but to prevent it.

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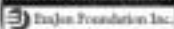
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# Dillon says secession threats just 'noise'

By Thomas F. Sargent Jr.  
Pittsburgh Courier

**BOZEMAN CITY**—Indiana President Bill Clinton said secession threats are just "noise" in a radio address here over the weekend.

"I think that is out of place... it's all political noise," Clinton said in a radio address here over the weekend.

"The plan was to have a summit in the fall. I would like to believe that we have a commitment which should be followed. And secession from the republic is not a commitment," Clinton said.

The plan was discussed during a summit in the fall. Clinton said in a radio address here over the weekend.

Clinton said the President was "not" seceding.

The president, who was about to visit the state of Idaho, said he was not seceding from the United States.

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# Youth, exes tapped in Cavite bid to clean up coastal areas

By Mark R. Barnes  
Pittsburgh Courier Bureau

**MANILA, Cavite**—At the start of the summer, the Cavite government officials, headed by Gov. Juan Ponce Enrile, said they would clean up the coastal areas of Cavite.

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# Benguet execs say local veggie farmers not ready to go global

**LA TRINIDAD, Benguet.**—Officials here said the country's trade liberalization policy would hurt the local vegetable industry more than horticulture imports will.

Gen. Benigno Abalos said industry leaders expressed fears that local vegetable farmers might not be ready to face the effects of a free market that allowed the entry of imported vegetables.

"Since farmers must shoulder heavy themselves for the entry of vegetable imports that will surely compete for buyers in the local market," he said.

The future of the local vegetable industry was one of the major issues discussed during Malacañan's week of the province address on Tuesday at the provincial capital here.

He said highland vegetable farmers must be prepared by adopting measures that will not focus on farm inputs and improve the production of vegetables as market products.

The province is the country's top producer of vegetable products—cabbages, peaches, carrots, Chinese peaches and lemons.

"The farmers are being made aware of the reality that sooner or later, free trade will affect the market flow of their products," Abalos said.

Local farmers, provincial agriculture, said local farmers are not yet ready to match im-

ports vegetables in the international market.

"The farmers are not ready to compete globally," he said. "That's why we are preparing the farmers to look for domestic alternatives to cushion the impact of foreign competition."

Planting of fruit trees and rice flowers, the commission, and rally, looked promising but it will be up to the farmers to determine their best protection, she said.

The Gen. Crispino Realino said local legislation could help a lot in maintaining farmers' income despite the threat posed by imported vegetables. He said Benguet's major vegetable-producing towns—Benguet, Tinting, Antik and Kibungan—must regulate the excessive use of pesticides to cut down on health risks.

He said local governments could push farmers to shift to organic farming and adopt crop programming.

Malacañan said the farmers must be trained to be globally competitive. "The farmers must be trained on how to properly package their vegetables. They must also learn to promote their vegetables so that they can be sold at a higher price," he said.

He said the provincial government is applying for a loan from the Development Bank of Philippines to help farmers in the province.

*Debrah Garcia, ABS-CBN News Bureau*



**OPERATING COLORS**  
Dancers from 11 towns of South Cotabato, among them these young Ili-Il natives, participate in the Ili-Ili Festival Monday (July 19) in Koronadal City.

# SWS survey says corruption in Davao increasing

**By Judy Quins**  
PHI Mindanao Bureau

**DAVAO CITY.**—Among five big cities in the country, Davao has emerged to have an increasing corruption incidence where private companies are less likely to win government contracts, according to a new survey of the Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey of enterprises on corruption charges.

SWS Chair Mañalac Manalang presented the results of the 2008 SWS business enterprise survey on corruption incidence nationwide, led by the Mindanao Business Council (MBC), at the Grand Metro Jang Hotel yesterday.

He said the survey, which was conducted from Jan. 20 to March 15 this year, covered the entire area of Manila, Iloilo and Davao, Cebu, Legaspi,

Batangas (Cebu), and in the cities of Cagayan de Oro and Baguio.

Results of the survey showed that a significant number of managers say their companies were asked for bribes in relation to getting local government and national government permits and licenses, paying income taxes, complying with import regulations, collecting contributions from the govern-

ment, supplying the government with goods and services, and sending of government in return.

The rate of solicitation of bribes by the private sector in the area of getting local government permits/licenses in Metro Davao steadily increased over five years at an average of 19 percent in 2008 to 29 percent in 2005.

In the area of getting national government permits, bribe solicitation in Davao also grew from 18 percent in 2004 to 29 percent in 2008; collecting contributions from government from 12 percent in 2004 to 26 percent; and sending of government in return from 2 percent to 17 percent.

MBC also chair Benito Arana, who is also Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. (PCCC) regional governor for

Southeastern Mindanao, said the increasing incidence of bribe solicitation in Davao would be a detriment to the quality of investors and could lead to an image problem for the city.

Arana, however, said MBC has yet to look at the SWS report. "We have to interpret the data," he said. MBC Chair Antonio Santos expressed disgust over the results of the survey.

## Caticlan airport back to normal

**By Hector Burgos Jr.**  
PHI Negros Island

**LOLO-CITY.**—Operations at the Caticlan airport in Malay, Sultan Kudat, have resumed after 10 days after it was closed after a commercial plane whose rear wheel collapsed while landing on the runway.

The operation resumed at 3:34 p.m. after the Russian-made Sukhoi Superjet 100 commercial plane was moved from the tarmac to the airport ramp, said Benito Arana, the Transportation Office (TO) manager in Caticlan.

The airport operation was suspended at 8:58 a.m. Tuesday after the Sukhoi Superjet 100 landed on the runway and the rear wheel collapsed, apparently because of a tire problem, while landing at the airport.

The 20 passengers, mostly foreign tourists, were taken to the island center of Zamboanga and there were no serious casualties reported after the plane stopped at the middle of the 20-meter wide and 150-meter long runway.

The AEP's safety division was still in the midst of an investigation into the incident, but the plane was taken to the airport for repairs, it was said. The plane was taken to the airport for repairs, it was said. The plane was taken to the airport for repairs, it was said.

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# VALENZUELA CITY GMA jobs program revived

By Nancy C. Carvajal

A BARANGAY-INITIATED work program similar to that implemented before last year's presidential election has been revived in Valenzuela City.

The revival of the project, which started yesterday, comes on the heels of a Pililla Asia, Inc., survey that showed 50 percent of Metro Manila residents want President Macapagal-Arroyo to resign due to allegations that she

padded the results of last year's polls.

"Starting yesterday a number of unemployed in some barangays benefited in the culture-work program of the government," a barangay chair told the Inquirer.

The disappereen, who speaks on condition that he be not named, said an employee of the Department of Social Welfare and Development assigned to Pililla Hospital was handling the program in the barangay.

According to the barangay chair, except for an immediate check for the project, no other papers were given to the barangay.

"The (barangay chair) was told to choose 50 to 100 individuals to be paid P200 a day for three days of work on anything that we think was needed to be done in our locality," he said.

He added that the DSWD employees gave specific instructions that program beneficiaries should be told that their salaries

was being provided by the government through Arroyo's employment program.

The barangay chair said the work program could be extended to six days depending on the type of activity and its importance to the people of the barangay.

If possible, the chair said that those selected would be a mix of males and females.

The list of beneficiaries should be submitted immediately to the DSWD, the chairperson said.

# Bad time to picnic by Marikina riverside

PLANNING a picnic by the river? This is not a good idea, police in Marikina City warn.

Several cases have been involving the Marikina River deeper and wider.

"The river current has been strong because of the rain," JPUIC Phil 1 Unit of Barangay Nangka told the Inquirer yesterday.

As usual, the water becomes turbid because of mud washed out from upstream San Marcos and Indiguit.

The other day, fishermen in

Barangay Matandang were shocked to see the body of 21-year-old Fernando Borda of Bulubul Bulubul in Barangay Nangka.

PDC Chief Arduana said Borda and his friends had a picnic along the river near the old Hotel, Marikina, on Monday afternoon.

Later, while Borda and his friends were crossing the river, strong current swept him away.

Borda did not know how to swim, Arduana said. *John C. Santos Jr.*

## BUSINESS

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## Finance chief to mediate in EPCIB row



*Long-drawn  
court battle  
to hurt bank*

By David C. Dunbar and Daniel L. Levine

NEEDY installed Finance Secretary Margarito Torres will meet with funding shareholders of Equitable PGRank to help fend off a long-drawn-out battle that could hurt the bank.

The group challenging the legitimacy of the G. Family's business the bank includes the same named companies and bank accounts. Includes and Excludes

A photograph of a golf course. In the foreground, there is a green fairway with several people walking. In the background, there is a clubhouse and a tall tower, likely the Leaning Tower of Pisa, visible through the trees.

A HARBOR CITY-based real estate firm in Pleasanton, Calif., is seeking a qualified property development architect to assist in the design of a new office building.

MVP named  
chair of  
Makati Med

By Charles J. Stetson

**TRIVOLUPAM**

## Megaworld, Marriott to build hotel off Villamor golf course

No Flunking Out, Says One

PERMIT developer Megaworld Corp. is building a 330-acre hotel in Quezon City as another project in its 25-hectare resort project.

The hotel will occupy the Megaworld brand and will be the Megaworld's second in "Megaworld City" in the Philippines on Alabang-Pinoy CEX.

Megaworld told the Securities and Exchange Commission that a local agent is now in the process of underwriting with Mitsui Bussan International R.V. while under the license of the

near and far. Here, besides the Villages golf course on the east side and from the new terminal of the Nancy Agnew International Airport on the west side, is a five-star deluxe resort from Magalio's Village in Malibu City.

"Beverly Hills is like a compass to Los Angeles," says Magalio. "It's the heart of the city, the most exciting, beautiful, golf course, and the most beautiful resort in the world." He says that the new resort will be a five-star deluxe resort, with a 14-hole golf course, a 14-hole golf course, and a 14-hole golf course.

Magalio is currently in talks with a new partner to develop the resort, which will be a five-star deluxe resort, with a 14-hole golf course, a 14-hole golf course, and a 14-hole golf course.

Michigan PLST Asset and Filings will include increasing Motor Vehicle Corp. and Regent Natl.

Meyersold is leaving Marston to manage the hotel as part of the Marston House, Security & Hotel group.

Meyersold also wants litigation to act as its arbiter when claims during the planning, designing, construction and building stages of the project.

*Source: The Associated Press, Jackson, Miss.*

As a first-class hotel, the *Thompson* is a fine venue for all types of events, from small parties to large conferences. The hotel's facilities include a grand ballroom, the *Marble Hall*, *Blackboard*, and





# Foreign mine firms remain bullish, infuse \$340M in RP

By Benoit H. Dangre

FOR EARNED mining firms on production with the current political environment and economic uncertainty in their investment plans here, according to the Chamber of Mines of the Philippines.

CMP President Benjamin

Philips G. Hernandez said in a

briefing that a total of \$330.7 million worth of investments have

been projected in the 20 projects that the local industry have

announced through various interna-

tional roadshows.

Hernandez said the investments represented projects that have either started operations or are in the development phase with construction plans in place.

The CMP chief, along with Presidential adviser on Mining Development, Edwin Alonzo, said that with projects such as the 100,000-ton capacity in Palawan being under operation, as many as 100,000 jobs are expected to be created over the next five years.

The \$340-million cost by

project, which involves the processing of low-grade nickel ore in Marikina town, was inaugurated last April.

"We have just not allowed by the political problems," Hernandez said. "There are huge investments with projects that have not yet started."

He said projects on the construction and development phase include the 100,000-ton project of Eagle Cement Corp., which has been up to \$14.7 million, and the 100,000-ton project of Marikina Cement Co. of \$14.7 million.

Other important projects announced to start before the year end include the 100,000-ton project of Eagle Cement Corp., which has been up to \$14.7 million, and the 100,000-ton project of Marikina Cement Co. of \$14.7 million.

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# Just say 'no' to coercive sales reps

CONCERNED consumer Alvin Landis is asking for advice on what the public can do if they are victimized by a coercive salesperson. Landis is asking for advice on what the public can do if they are victimized by a coercive salesperson. Landis is asking for advice on what the public can do if they are victimized by a coercive salesperson.

"Many people are beginning to be afraid to go to home centers or to other stores," Landis says. "I don't want to go to a store where I might be harassed or where I might be forced to buy something I don't want."

To help people who are being harassed by salespeople, Landis has written a book called "How to Deal with Coercive Salespeople." The book is available for sale at a special discount price. Landis is asking for advice on what the public can do if they are victimized by a coercive salesperson.

to sell. Once they trap you in that room, there is no getting out until you sign away your credit card.

The consumer's reaction depends on the reputation of the store in the past. The store's reputation is important. The store's reputation is important.

My advice to victims of this company is to ask the assistance of the consumer watchdog of the Bureau of Trade Regulation and Consumer Protection. Call 800-798-4444 or write to Department of Trade and Industry, P.O. Box 100,000, Honolulu, HI 96810.

Of course, the best way to avoid falling into the trap is to say "no" to the sales rep. Or, even better, don't go. These salespeople are easy to identify. The victim's name is written on the back of the card. The victim's name is written on the back of the card.

## THE CONSUMER

Arvinder  
Indira Ghose

here chosen to vote a very distinctive price.

There's give there just credit card. This can follow the example of the PIA's "Two of their agents approved to sell with credit (credit card) and sold to it if we wanted to join (the program) and, as the same time sold to it if we had a credit card. I did it then and sold them that I had no credit card. As soon as they heard that, they turned around and walked away."

By more of the PIA report, visit [www.pia.gov.pk](http://www.pia.gov.pk).

## Consumer protection

We shouldn't trouble at all why all kinds of sales and consumer sales are going on rampant. There is only one re-

ason, and that is consumer protection in this country is not given priority to our lawmakers. In this line, for example, our government should consider consumer protection bills and proposals to protect consumers.

More recently, Nigeria's Consumer Rights Commission has issued a special order to protect consumers from coercive salespeople. It is called the Consumer Protection Act. It is called the Consumer Protection Act.

There's still widespread violation of the rights of consumers who, according to him, "continue to suffer daily from all kinds of forms of harassment." Among the consumer laws he mentioned were pricing abuses by all firms and entities, unexplained violations and misstatements by salesmen, and excessive charges and excessive fees, excessive charges on credit cards, discounts by personal firms, etc.

Let's hope the proposal of these donors will be the first of previous consumer protection bills that will be passed.

## Senior citizens' discount

The League of Women Voters asked us to study the information about the senior citizens' discount. In this line, for example, our government should consider consumer protection bills and proposals to protect consumers. The discount would really help my parents.

For the information of voters, the full text of the special discount for senior citizens is in the Department of Trade and Industry Information Order No. 88 issued April 28. The MO contains guidelines for special discounts provided in the expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2002.

Copy of the MO is available in the local office for Senior Citizens Affairs. For more information, I advise citizens to call the consumer hotline of 877 or 877-7244.

Send comments and comments to [arvinder@india.com](mailto:arvinder@india.com).

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SHAKEY'S celebrates its 10th anniversary with a special offer. Each order of large pizza comes with a free Shakey's Belly Buster sauce. The offer is valid until July 31.

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